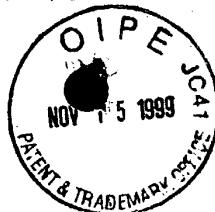


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 1999 and the personal interview with the Examiner of 26 October 1999, please amend this application as follows.

In the Abstract

Replace the Abstract with the following Abstract:

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"The present invention is a family of concrete segmental retaining wall blocks, together with the related manufacturing process and molds, and retaining walls constructed of such blocks. The segmental retaining wall blocks are used to form retaining walls by dry stacking one course of blocks on another. The preferred blocks are characterized by: (a) a lower surface and a generally planar upper surface in which the upper and lower surfaces permit generally parallel alignment between the upper surface of a block and the upper surface of adjacent blocks in

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